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IN NEW YORK, DONOVAN DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER HE IS PLANNING TO GO TO CUBA THIS WEEK.

"I CAN STATE AT THIS TIME ONLY THAT I HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUAL COMMUNICATION WITH THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT," HE SAID.

"I HAVE STATED THAT IF NECESSARY FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF MY ASSIGNMENT OF COURSE SHALL VISIT HAVANA. I DO NOT DEEM IT TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR HUMANITARIAN MISSION THAT ANY FURTHER STATEMENT BE MADE AT THIS TIME."

QUESTIONED BY REPORTERS, HE SAID HE DOES NOT DOUBT THAT HE WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ENTER CUBA "SHOULD THE TIME ARISE." HE SAID HE IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROGRESS TAKING PLACE AT AN EARLY DATE.

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